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1. REPORT OF AMERICAN EVACUATION PLANNING WAS CARRIED ON MORNING RADIO NEWS JUNE 30, PRESUMABLY BASED ON WIRE SERVICES. AT LEAST ONE OF RADIO STORIES APPEARED BASED ON AP TICKER ITEM QUOTED BELOW. WE HAVE IMPRESSION, FROM REPORTED TENOR OF OTHER RADIO NEWS ITEMS, THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN ANOTHER WIRE SERVICE ITEM WHICH SPECIFICALLY REPORTED THAT EMBASSY BEIRUT WAS PREPARING EVACUATION PLANS.

2. ONLY WIRE SERVICE ITEM ON U.S. EVACUATION PLANNING THAT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION IS FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM AP WIRE DATELINED BEIRUT: QUOTE AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN RESIDENTS WERE REPORTED MAKING EVACUATION PLANS AFTER TWO ARAB COUNTRIES, KUWAIT AND BAHRAIN, ADVISED THEIR
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CITIZENS TO LEAVE. HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO WORD OF EVACUA-

TION PLANS FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY OR OTHER WESTERN DIPLO-
MATIC MISSIONS. END QUOTE INGERSOLL

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